

# HAPPENINGS IN VERMONT

(Continued from Page Four.)

September, are Mrs. E. H. Olla, Mrs. W. R. Sargent, Mrs. W. W. Morton and Mrs. E. A. Morse. Mrs. Olla, who is now at the "Five Hundred" party in the Old Fellows' hall Tuesday evening, September 21. Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Slack and two sons left Wednesday to join Mr. Slack's brother from Albany, N. Y., who is now occupying a cottage at Lake Morey in Fairlee. Mr. Slack will remain in Fairlee and the family longer. Mrs. Watson Lundy, who has been with Mrs. W. B. Vail for several weeks, left Wednesday morning for Boston, accompanied by Miss Ethel Lye, who is to pass the winter with her. Mrs. W. B. Vail and Miss Lalla Rye were to accompany them to remain over Sunday.

## RANDOLPH CENTER.

The Vermont School of Agriculture at Randolph Center began its fifth year, September 1, with a total enrollment of 73 students and more are expected. Of this number 16 are new men, and included in this list are men from Illinois, North Carolina and Manitoba, Can. This serves to illustrate the fact that the reputation of Vermont's schools of agriculture is not limited to the boundary lines of the State. Considerable repairing has been done on the school buildings during the summer vacation. The Maplewood has been newly papered and painted throughout and a new bathroom installed. The football season is in full swing, and with the material on hand, together with the excellent work of Lawrence, a fast team will be developed. The field is in excellent condition, and Manager Kent is working hard on the schedule, which is nearly completed and contains games with some fast teams.

Mrs. Amelia Angell died last Friday from a complication of diseases. The funeral was held Sunday at 10 o'clock in the cemetery at East Hardwick. The Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Washburn of Rutland, N. Y., are visiting relatives here. Frank Elson has been in a serious condition for a week, his mind being unsettled Monday he drove a wire staple through his hand and into the back of his head. Doctors called and dressed the wound. While N. E. La Francis was driving a young horse Monday it became frightened and ran away, throwing Mr. La Francis out, and hurting him badly, the horse going over a wall.

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Leon Pollard, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Pollard, has erected a wireless outfit at his home on Pearl street. The outfit consists of a pole 50 feet in height, on which are strung four wires about three feet apart, and a second pole, another pole, on the top of a barn. The receiving and sending instruments are all situated in young Pollard's room. This outfit is like the one used by a young man in Rutland, which has caught messages from stations as far distant as Havana, Cuba. Miss Mabel O'Brien is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. C. O'Brien. Mrs. A. S. Ketcham and two daughters, Margaret and Hilda, have returned from Sheldon, where they visited Mrs. Ketcham's daughter, Mrs. Mortan Mack. Mrs. S. Emory Griswold, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. James Woodruff, has returned to Middlebury. Mr. L. Allen of Orwell visited in Brandon Saturday. The Rev. Mr. Ferris and his daughter, Miss Annie Ferris, of New York City, are occupying St. Thomas's rectory for a month. The Rev. Mr. Ferris will preach at St. Thomas's Church during the

time he is there. A son was born Thursday to Mr. and Mrs. William Ryder. The baby was born at Middlebury by way of Lake Dunmore, operated by W. F. Waterhouse, has been dislocated. The baby, a place on Grove street, Dr. O. Woodward place on Pearl street. Dr. J. C. Baker has so far recovered from the operation which was performed at the Rutland hospital that he has returned home. Mr. and Mrs. Fremont Everett and two children and Mrs. Aaron Eastman and Mrs. R. H. Everett for a few days. I. Shapiro has returned from West Rutland, where he has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Maxim Myers for several days.

Neshobe Grange observed Sunday as memorial day. In the afternoon the members of the grange gathered at the cemetery and carried out at Pine Hill cemetery and in the evening the members attended a special service at the Baptist Church. Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Sumner spent Sunday in Rutland. Bourne and Headley of Templeton, Mass., have two men here setting up the new post office fixtures. The post office will be moved to the present location to the new office October 1. The Rev. E. F. Cray is conducting a mission at Forestdale this week. Mrs. John Beck of Colorado Springs is visiting her mother, Mrs. James Morgan, for several weeks.

George H. Young, clerk of the district No. 1, has been petitioned by a number of voters of the district to call a special meeting Wednesday evening, September 22, at 7:30 o'clock in the town hall, to see if the district will vote to authorize the prudential committee to extend the present water system from the Baptist Church to Forest Park farm, now the property of the State of Vermont, for the purpose of borrowing money to borrow money to pay for that purpose and to see if the prudential committee is to be instructed to make a contract with the State for the use of the water. Robert Baker, son of Dr. and Mrs. O. C. Baker, is at the home of his parents here at the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis. The Hon. and Mrs. J. J. Washburn of Rutland, N. Y., are visiting relatives here. Frank Elson has been in a serious condition for a week, his mind being unsettled Monday he drove a wire staple through his hand and into the back of his head. Doctors called and dressed the wound. While N. E. La Francis was driving a young horse Monday it became frightened and ran away, throwing Mr. La Francis out, and hurting him badly, the horse going over a wall.

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Clifton of Barre and Mrs. Orville Sawyer of Berlin; also two half-brothers, Ernest and Ethan Hill, and a half-sister, the funeral was held Saturday afternoon at one o'clock at the house of the Rev. Lewis C. Carson, pastor of the Church of the Messiah, officiating. Burial was in the Lewis cemetery on the Worcester road.

A suit has been entered in county court by Giuseppe Maxini against Antonio Prario, the plaintiff making \$2000 for the alienation of his wife's affections, claiming relations between the defendant and Beatrice Maxini.

In the presence of about 50 guests, members of the family and intimate friends, Laura Ruth Dending, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Dending of this city, and Paul Gellers, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Dending, were married Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock, the ceremony, which took place at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Charles A. Kennedy, being performed by the Rev. H. A. Flint, pastor of Christ Church. The bride and groom were unattended, save for two bridesmaids, Misses Margaret and Mary Kennedy. The bride wore white crepe and carried a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley. The ceremony was performed in the parlor, which was prettily trimmed with hydrangeas, gladioli, asters, roses and ferns. A reception was held immediately after the ceremony, those in the receiving line being Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Dending, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Handley and Mr. and Mrs. Paul G. Handley. The bride was graduated from Montpelier high school in 1908. Mr. Handley is a graduate of the Bryant and Stratton Business College of Boston and for several years has been employed as an assistant cashier by the Western Union Telegraph office in this city. They received many beautiful gifts. They left Tuesday night on an automobile tour and on their return will reside on State street.

Miss Jettie A. Rogers of this city, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merton H. Rogers of Randolph, and J. Gilbert Addy, son of Mr. Edward Addy of this city, were married at St. Augustine's church by the Rev. J. P. Lutz. The bride was dressed in a traveling suit of blue broadcloth and wore a hat to match. They were attended by Miss May Addy, a sister of the groom, and Edward P. Carey of this city. Following a wedding breakfast at the home of the groom's mother, they left for a honeymoon trip to Canada. The bride has been employed as operator in the local telephone exchange for five years and is a graduate of Randolph high school. Mr. Addy has been manager of the Barre Western Union Telegraph office for three years. They will reside here.

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The boy scouts and the Camp Fire girls of the Congregational Church were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Welch at a party given at their home on Bluff Hill. Principal P. W. Reinhardt is again at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Pile. The Relief Corps at the center had dinner Tuesday with Mrs. J. C. Freeman. Perry Aldrich, who has charge of the new agricultural department in the high school, also teaches chemistry. At the home of Mrs. J. A. Pile, Mr. J. A. Pile, who has spent the summer at the home of his father on Main street, has returned to East Milton, Mass., to resume his position as teacher. Miss B. Aldrich, who is in Enosburg Falls, where she teaches French, English and history in the high school. Miss Amy Wheeler has resumed her position as teacher of science in the Essex Junction high school. Mrs. F. L. T. Knight and children have returned from their summer home in Georgia. The Ladies' Union met Tuesday with Mrs. Allan Foster. Mrs. W. E. Squier has commenced work at the Waterbury Inn and Mr. and Mrs. James Sinclair have vacated the tenement at 100 State street at 10 o'clock. Mr. Sinclair having accepted the position as housekeeper in the home of Dr. James. Nellie Chase is with her daughter, Mrs. Earle Kinsey, in Rutland. Mrs. Nellie Bates of Northampton, Mass., is visiting relatives in town. Paul Swasey and Allan Perry have returned from Queen City park. Howard Johnson, formerly of the home of Edward Goodhue, is quarantined, the youngest son, James being ill with scarlet fever. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morse are keeping house in the Thompson tenement on Winslow street.

Reports from the Heaton hospital are that Ezra Sherman, who was taken ill with blood poisoning, is doing as well as could be expected. One operation has been performed upon his arm. William Wyman of Starksboro, who attended the Waterbury high school last year, is attending the Bristol high school. Mrs. B. B. Demerit entertained her Sunday school class at her home Saturday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dutton, who are fell off the porch at the home of his daughter, Mrs. F. C. Davis, in North Duxbury last week and broke his arm. Charles A. Boyd gave two interesting addresses at the Congregational Church Sunday. He also took charge of the Sunday school and held a conference for workers at the home of Mr. Boyd was a guest of the Rev. W. L. Holcomb. Mrs. Deway Graves of Chattanooga, Tenn., is at the home of her father, W. R. Elliott. Doris Maude celebrated her eighth birthday Saturday at her home on Randall street. Eight guests were taken for an automobile ride and had supper on the lawn. Mrs. Warren Howard, Mrs. John Flynn and Mrs. N. H. and St. Johnsbury.

Among interesting people in Waterbury are Mr. and Mrs. Hermann Schoenberger, and infant daughter, who are staying with Mrs. Schoenberger's sister, Mrs. Duxbury Pierce, at their residence. Mrs. Schoenberger returned last month from the Panama canal zone, where she was chief electrician in charge of the Darien radio station, which is now the navy's most powerful wireless station. He spent about three years in Panama supervising the construction of the Darien radio station and worked about 3,000 miles under normal conditions. Before marriage Mrs. Schoenberger was superintendent of nurses in Colon hospital, the government institution at the Atlantic end of the

canal. Both of them witnessed the major part of the construction and the completion of the great waterway. Mr. and Mrs. Schoenberger are taking a well-earned rest at present. They were vacationing at a residence in the tropics preparatory to a trip to Alaska, where the navy department is projecting other stations to complete their chain of communication in all of the American possessions. Mrs. Schoenberger has been traveling, but this in Mr. Schoenberger's report. The Washington Campfire Girls were entertained by their guardian, Mrs. Roy W. Demerit, Monday evening. Miss Maude McMullin was detained from school Monday because of illness. W. J. Le Baron, Roy Le Baron and Miss Kathleen Le Baron join Mrs. Le Baron at White River Junction Saturday and will be in the evening to give an entertainment.

Henry Merchant and Miss Jennie Abair, both of Duxbury, were married by the Rev. Robert Dwyer at the Catholic Church yesterday morning. They were attended by Miss Mildred Dolan and Israel Abair. Following the ceremony a wedding breakfast was held at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Barney Abair, on Crockett hill, and a reception and dance in the evening. Leon Sheldon has been having a week's vacation from his work in the local postoffice.

## NORTHFIELD.

Mrs. Ida Johnson has moved her household goods from the Abbott house across the street to Mrs. Cushman's house, recently vacated by William Harding, who has moved to Hardwick. Samuel White of Danbury, Conn., has moved his family to town and is to take charge of the grain and feed department at the Richmond store. Bert Blake having given up his position there. N. C. Vail, who has been in the office of Leonard and family returned Thursday to their home at Chelsea, Mass. Miss Mary White, who has been acting as stenographer to Dean Roberts at Norwich University, has gone to her home at Groton and her place has been taken by Miss Helen Hedges, who has returned from the West and resumed her old position. The fall term of the new high school opened Monday. The new high school teachers Miss Thoms is located with Mrs. G. H. Richmond and Miss Willis with Mrs. Lawson.

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## WORCESTER.

Mrs. George Richardson, who had been ill for several months, died Thursday and the funeral was held Saturday, being largely attended. Miss Remond of the Methodist Church officiated. Mrs. Richardson is survived by her husband and two sons, Paul and Nathan; also four brothers, Alonzo, Joel, Calvin and Plummer. Richardson, M. P. Ladd, with Mrs. and Mr. J. A. Taylor. Mrs. Richardson attended the funeral of Neil Cooley at Montpelier Saturday. Irving Holmes has moved from the Seaver place to his father's and Clarence Straw will move his family to the Seaver house. Mr. Straw will be employed by C. M. Ladd. Mr. and Mrs. John S. Templeton of Vasson, Neb., visiting relatives here. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Pile, who have been visiting her father, Marshall Welch, at the home of his father on Union street in this village, where he is reported to be doing well. Postmaster G. F. Hubbell was ill Tuesday. Mrs. S. C. Veaton of Brooklyn, who has been visiting her sisters in town during the summer, returned last week to her home at Northfield.

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The Rev. Mr. Barnett will preach here next Sunday afternoon at one o'clock. Mrs. Homer Darling is spending two weeks in East Hardwick. Mrs. Alvin Alsworth has returned from a visit in Orleans.

## MORETOWN.

A pleasant surprise awaited Arthur H. Booth on his return home from work a few days ago when he was introduced by his wife to his sister, Mrs. Robert Goldsmith, of Trenton, Conn., whom he had not seen for 33 years. Mrs. Goldsmith is the mother of Albert Goldsmith, who clerked at the Lumber company's store. Mr. Booth's sister, Elsie, and brother, Archie, are here also. Another sister, Mrs. J. Kay, of Newark, N. J., comes to-night to join the family group at Mr. Booth's home. Mrs. Kay and Mrs. Goldsmith have not met for 41 years. While Mr. Booth has not seen his sister, Elsie, for 41 years, he has seen her for 41 years. Mrs. Kay, for a long time, has been a resident of the home of her father, W. R. Elliott. Doris Maude celebrated her eighth birthday Saturday at her home on Randall street. Eight guests were taken for an automobile ride and had supper on the lawn. Mrs. Warren Howard, Mrs. John Flynn and Mrs. N. H. and St. Johnsbury.

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### BETHEL.

Neil V. Cooley, aged 33 years, died Thursday morning of heart disease, with which he had been afflicted for some time. He was a resident of Bethel, but had been working in his business. Wednesday morning he went home from his shop not feeling well and called a physician. He felt better towards evening, but during the night was again attacked and this time a physician could do nothing to relieve him. Mr. Cooley came back to Bethel about three weeks ago, having been in the old shoe shop building. He is survived by his wife and a daughter, Clara. Miss Blanche Shepard began Sept. 7 to teach school.

hand and typewriting in the Berlin, N. H., high school, a position which came to her without solicitation on her part. Mrs. H. H. Spencer returned last week from a visit to her mother, Mrs. J. H. Spencer, who is recovering from a successful operation for hernia. A. J. Robinson has taken the contract to build a dam and electric-power house at East Randolph for local lighting and power purposes. Mrs. Grace Allen and Miss Alice Allen of New Braintree, Mass., are guests at E. M. Weston's, Mrs. Joseph E. Wilson of Lawrence, Mass., are spending a month at Mrs. M. L. Wilson's. Whitcomb high school has an enrollment of 20 and the grades of 20. The schools opened Sept. 7. The Woodbury Granite company is increasing its fire protection by constructing a reservoir near W. W. Bates. Mrs. M. A. Handley and Mrs. Vail to New York for a visit. Mrs. Martha Curtis went Saturday to live in Boston after a residence of four years in this village.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. McDonald have returned from a two weeks' visit in Portland, N. Y., where they bought a house, to which they will soon move, after a residence of 11 years in this town. Mrs. Albert Blake came Friday from Saratoga, N. C., to visit her mother, Mrs. Mary Abbott. A prayer service was conducted Saturday by the Rev. J. Wesley Miller at the late residence of Neil V. Cooley, whose remains were taken to Montpelier for funeral services at the Methodist church. Accompanying the funeral party were A. C. Boyce and J. H. Beckwith from the local lodge of Odd Fellows and Mrs. G. M. Owen. The bearers were Dr. L. Chadwick, J. Howard Myatt and Messrs. Boyce and Beckwith. Mrs. Harry Smith, Mrs. Ida Culver and Mrs. Fred L. Winn of Montpelier were here Saturday to travel with Mrs. N. C. Vail, who is in the office of Leonard and family returned Thursday to their home at Chelsea, Mass. Miss Mary White, who has been acting as stenographer to Dean Roberts at Norwich University, has gone to her home at Groton and her place has been taken by Miss Helen Hedges, who has returned from the West and resumed her old position. The fall term of the new high school opened Monday. The new high school teachers Miss Thoms is located with Mrs. G. H. Richmond and Miss Willis with Mrs. Lawson.

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## STEAMERS COLLIDE.

Altan liner Pretorian and Kansas met in fog on St. Lawrence.

Quebec, Sept. 15.—The Altan liner Pretorian, with 11 passengers and a heavy consignment of goods from Glasgow, collided with the steamer Kansas in the St. Lawrence during a heavy fog early today.

The collision occurred off the mouth of the Saguenay river and the Pretorian is now lying anchored near there, according to a statement given out by the port authorities.

Neither the Pretorian nor the Kansas was greatly damaged, according to the government signal service, and both will be able to proceed as soon as the fog has lifted.

The Pretorian has maintained wireless communication with the shore.

## SUIT FOR SIX MILLION.

Chicago, Sept. 15.—Judge George A. Carpenter of the U. S. district court today ordered the receivers of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad to start action against present and former directors of the company for the recovery of \$6,000,000. Under the court order the proceedings are to be instituted in the federal court of the southern district of New York. The suit for recovery is to be based on the transaction arising from the acquisition and subsequent divesting of the "Elgin" line. It was said that Judge Carpenter determined upon the course taken on the strength of an opinion drawn by William Howard Taft, former president of the United States.

## ANOTHER FRENCH LOAN.

Paris, Sept. 15, 5:30 p. m.—Alexander Ribot, French minister of finance, announced to the appropriations committee of the Chamber of Deputies today that the government would soon issue a large loan.

# SENT \$500,000 TO BELGIUM

Ten Months' Work of American Relief Commission.

Assistant Treasurer Williams Holds Unique Record—Saved Government \$750,000 at Panama and Lost \$81.10 from His Own Pocket.

The total value of food and other relief supplies sent to Belgium by the American Relief Commission for the past ten months is more than \$8,000,000, according to a statement issued from the New York office. Up to the first of July, or the end of the first fiscal year of the commission's activities, there was sent to Belgium for the relief of the non-combatant population of the country 26,737 tons of flour, 15,275 tons of rice, 4,000 tons of corn, 15,536 tons of peas and beans and other supplies, the total weight of which was 425,533 tons.

In addition to the supplies sent to Belgium the commission has since the first of April last been feeling the destitute people of the German-occupied territory of France. These French sufferers number more than 2,500,000. More than \$1,000,000 pounds of supplies have been sent to that part of France. Also about 10,000 tons of food has been donated to relief work in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. Some persons are like Joe Hekkes—the largest sum of money they can take—intelligently in \$500, says the New York Post. A person so constituted has no place in the room in the northeast corner of the nineteenth floor of 71 Broadway, where sits Edward J. Williams, assistant treasurer of the commission for relief in Belgium. A page from the notes of a reporter who has spent 10 minutes in that room would read something like this:

Belgium.....\$100,000.00  
France.....\$100,000.00  
United States.....\$100,000.00  
Canada.....\$100,000.00  
England.....\$100,000.00  
Guaranteed monthly by France.....\$100,000.00  
For transportation.....\$100,000.00  
And mixed in with this heavy diet of figures was found others such: Monthly disbursements for Belgium.....\$100,000.00  
Monthly disbursements for Panama Canal.....\$100,000.00  
Disbursed in ten years at Panama.....\$100,000.00  
So it is something of a shock as well as a relief to find hidden away in all this stately company the simple entry: Lost, \$81.10.

That much is simple to understand. For those who wish to know just how relieving is being done, and how the funds for the relief of unfed and unclothed Belgians are being administered, it may be said that since Williams joined the commission its accounts have been audited at the end of each working day, and the questions that puzzle them may be best answered by reference to the auditor's books. In fact, those who are interested in men as well as methods the modest little \$81.10 entry serves far better than the longest column of impressive zeros.

## HE HANDLED MILLIONS.

Like all those in active charge of the commission's work, Williams is only a "loan exhibit." When the work began to pile up and the business of feeding and clothing a whole nation presented problems that no one could have foreseen, the commission began to hear calls for relief within its own ranks. The treasurer, Alexander J. Hemphill, was overburdened with work. Unless he resigned as chairman of the board of directors of the Guaranty Trust company it was impossible for him to continue as treasurer without a competent assistant. So the commission turned to a fastidious man in Williams, who was treasurer of a Chicago concern which does a business of \$5,000,000 a year in railroad and automobile supplies. Now, being treasurer of a Chicago railroad and automobile supply concern that does \$5,000,000 worth of business a year was no mean accomplishment, but it was not his fault that the commission turned to him. The thing that counted most was his record as chief disbursing officer for the United States during the construction of the Panama canal—and now we are getting back to that \$81.10.

Williams was sent down to the Canal Zone in 1905 to try and stop a leak which was costing the government as much as the salaries of the canal workers. The United States had been paying the local workers through the local banks of Panama, and the banks were charging 1 per cent. for their services. The payroll was a big one, and 1 per cent. was well, it was 1 per cent. Figure it out for yourself.

By means of an accounting system devised by himself, Williams put a stop to all that. With the aid of the post-office authorities a money-order system was established, and the government no longer sent its cash to the bankers, but direct to Williams, who was personally responsible for its disbursement. Millions of dollars were saved without an error. It was much as one cent, and it has been estimated that the saving in banking fees to the government amounted to more than \$750,000.

## CHINESE GOT THE \$1.19.

During nearly 10 years of the Williams regime at the canal the pay roll amounted to approximately \$200,000,000. The national cash system enabled the workers to turn their pay—part of it—into dollars. The post-office authorities, and in this way millions of dollars earned by workers on the canal were sent back to homes in all corners of the globe at a cost of only a few postage stamps. There was but one slip-up in the system. That was when two Chinese laborers by the use of forged pay checks collected \$1.19 which they hadn't earned. They got away before it was discovered, and when the rightful owners of that \$1.19 put in an appearance there was but one way to make amends—and that was for Williams to pay them out of his own pocket. He did, and there is now before Congress a bill authorizing the treasury department to reimburse him for his loss.

When the government sent Williams to Panama it took him away from the Chicago & Northwestern railroad, where, as treasurer and paymaster, he had handled nearly \$5,000,000 a month. The position was one of the most important in the railroad business of the Middle West, and Williams had already made a name for himself as a man who could receive and disburse enormous sums and not permit a single penny to go unaccounted for.

treasurer of the commission. And he is obliged also to handle this in sums that range from thousands of dollars to a few cents, and from a pair of mittens to a shipload of wheat. It is no secret that, when Williams first took office, at 71 Broadway, the